WINTER SPORTS

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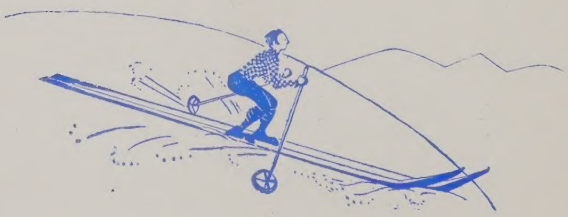


THAT SKI-ING FEELING.

Imagine the most breathless moment on the biggest switchback in the world. Imagine yourself suddenly robbed of switchback, car, rails and all supporting things and left to go hurtling down balanced only on your two feet clamped in skimming wooden runners. Imagine rushing over snow so fast that the whole world dissolves into a moving white mist. Imagine every nerve strung, every sense tingling. Imagine the long, smooth, gently slowing finish when breath is released from grateful lungs and tense muscles relax—or a fall so sudden and so soft that it takes the mind unawares and escapes sensation! Imagine these things and you will have something of the feeling of ski-ing.

Imagine towering points of rock like the spires of mountainous gothic cathedrals. Imagine valleys of snow lying glistening, glittering white in their shade. Imagine air that is the gas above a glass of champagne and a sun that banishes the sting of frost. Imagine these things and you will have something of the feeling of skiing in Switzerland.

The French have an exquisite pudding that is called *pudding surprise*. Outside it is boiling hot chocolate ; but inside it is cold ice cream. Switzerland, with the sun and the frost, is something like that !

SWITZERLAND.

THE ENGADINE.

THE Engadine is the highest and sunniest and snowiest valley in Switzerland. It is 6,000 feet up, and there is no danger of your accomplishing the journey only to find that no snow awaits you at the end of it. Both Pontresina and Silvaplana have excellent slopes, and offer facilities for all kinds of winter sport. There is no need for us to recount the virtues of Switzerland's sun and air and snow, and the social attractions of the winter sports centres. The Commercial Agencies have already done that, and the glories of a Swiss holiday are common knowledge. We would merely point out the special advantages of an N.U.S. Centre, that you are in the midst of congenial company, and have the services of Swiss and English Students as guides and leaders.

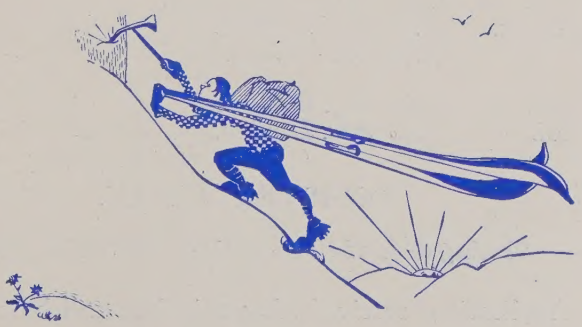
There is ski-ing, tobogganing and ski-jumping on the mountains, and skating, curling and ski-joring on the frozen lakes. If you are an expert, and feel you cannot move fast enough on skis or toboggans, you can walk over to St. Moritz, shoot down the longest bob-run in the world, and eat cakes afterwards at the most famous tea-shop in Europe. There will be dancing in the evenings. You should take evening dress, and fancy dress for New Year's Eve.

Skis, skates and toboggans may be hired in Silvaplana, Pontresina and Arosa. For suggestions as to equipment, see page 9.

Travel will be third-class in England, second-class in France and Switzerland, and third-class on the mountain railways. The party must travel out together, but the tickets will be available for individual return.

The cost includes rail and boat fares, accommodation, with three meals a day, tips, Kurtax, transport to and from the station, and the services of student guides. Baths, afternoon tea, and the hire of equipment are extra.

A TYPICAL VIEW IN THE ENGADINE



PONTRESINA. F. 276.

Dates: December 21st—January 3rd.

Cost: **£16 15s.**

Pontresina is one of the best known and most delightful of the Engadine winter sports centres. The village offers ideal facilities for every kind of sport and social enjoyment, and is within easy distance of St. Moritz. As we have been able this year, at a negligible increase in cost, to extend the time spent in Pontresina, the party will have both Christmas and New Year's Day in Switzerland. Accommodation is in the Hotel Engadinerhof, where extra stay can be arranged, if sufficient notice is given, at a charge of 13/- per day.

ITINERARY.

Dec. Sat.	21	13.00	Leave London (Victoria Station).
		16.45	Arrive Calais (via Folkestone).
Dec. Sun.	22	6.13	(C.E.T.). Arrive Bale.
		11.10	Arrive Chur.
		12.03	Leave Chur.
		15.13	Arrive Pontresina.
Dec. 22—Jan. 2			In Switzerland.
Jan. Thurs.	2	14.50	Leave Pontresina.
		17.45	Arrive Chur.
		19.15	Leave Chur.
Jan. Fri.	3	11.04	Arr. Boulogne.
		15.30	Arr. London.

REGISTER EARLY.

Closing date of Registration—November 30th.

Applications received after this date will be charged an extra booking fee of 5/-.

AROSA. F.278.

Dates: December 21st—January 6th.

Cost: **£18 10s.**

Arosa excels in all the sports and pleasures of the Engadine. It is a well-known resort and is already familiar to student parties from this country, who have demanded that we include it this year as one of our Winter Sports Centres. The hotel in which accomodation has been booked is especially attractive.

ITINERARY.

Dec. Sat.	21	13.00	Leave London (Victoria Stn.).
		16.45	Arrive Calais (via Folkestone).
Dec. Sun.	22	6.13	Arrive Bale.
		11.10	Arrive Chur.
		12.27	Leave Chur.
		13.57	Arrive Arosa.
Dec. 22—Jan. 5			In Switzerland.
Jan. Sun.	5	16.20	Leave Arosa.
		17.42	Arrive Chur.
		19.15	Leave Chur.
Jan. Mon.	6	11.04	Arrive Boulogne.
		15.30	Arrive London.

Closing date of Registration—November 30th.

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SILVAPLANA. F. 277.

Dates: December 27th—January 10th.

Cost: **£16 15s.** (Hotel Sonne).
£16 2s. 6d. (Hotel Waldheim).

Silvaplana is a charming village on the shore of one of the chain of lakes along the Engadine valley. No railway disturbs its peace, and one drives there from St. Moritz in a sleigh with tinkling bells. There is good sport and plenty of evening pleasures. The more hectic revelries of fashionable St. Moritz are are close at hand for those who seek them.

Accommodation will be in comfortable hotels. The Waldheim has been *entirely taken over* by the N.U.S. for this party.

ITINERARY.

Dec. Fri.	27	13.00	Leave London (Victoria Station).
		16.45	Arrive Calais (via Folkestone).
Dec. Sat.	28	6.13	Arrive Bale.
		11.10	Arrive Chur.
		12.03	Leave Chur.
		15.05	Arrive St. Moritz.
Dec. 28—Jan. 9			In Switzerland.
Jan. Thurs.	9	14.55	Leave St. Moritz.
		17.45	Arrive Chur.
		19.15	Leave Chur.
Jan. Fri.	10	11.04	Arrive Boulogne.
		15.30	Arrive London.

When registering, applicants should state in which hotel they wish to stay.

Closing date of Registration—November 30th.

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AUSTRIA. F.279.

An Unconventional Ski-ing Camp in Styria for Beginners and Adepts.

Dates: Dec. 21st—Jan. 7th.

Cost: **£16** (including hiring of equipment.)

Trainers: FELIX ZELLER and HERBERT RONNICKE (Graz).

Equipping Centre: Salzburg.

Travel will be second-class to and from Salzburg.

This Camp will be typical of the country. It will take place in one of the châlets of the Alpine Club which are famous among Austrian Alpinists as ski-ing centres. According to the traditions of the Austrian mountaineering sport, life will be rough and simple. Few of the amusements and comforts of the big international winter sports centres will be offered: but for all that, life will not be less jolly.

The Hut chosen for this year lies at a height of over 4000 feet in the Radstätter Tauern range of the Alps, in the beautiful province of Styria. There will be a regular course of ski-ing, elementary as well as advanced. Each student can receive individual attention, as the proportion of British guests to Austrians will be 4 : 1. Food will be simple, but good and ample. The Austrian organisation will provide all the necessary equipment, with the exception of boots.*

The high level of the camp is guaranteed by the fact that the same Austrian student group is organising it which has for years been running the N.U.S. climbing and canoeing tours in Austria, enjoyed by hundreds of British students. Nevertheless it must be said that unlike the Swiss centres, this Camp is not suitable for everybody. Those who love nature, who are out for good sport and close comradeship with Austrian students, rather than for amusements, who are not dependent on comfort, who want to recover from the strain of "civilised life," all those may count on having a good time at the Austrian camp.

*Equipment provided is:—1 pair skis, 2 ski sticks, snow spectacles, rucksack, sleeping sack, small snow puttees, waterproof gauntlets and waterproof trousers.

VERB. SAP.

The Winter Sports Tours are one of the most popular features of the work done by the N.U.S. Travel Dept. Application for particulars of the 1929-30 tours were received as long ago as Easter. In spite of an increase in the number of places available, last year we were reluctantly compelled to refuse latecomers. In your own interests

REGISTER EARLY.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT.

1. Water-tight ski-ing boots large enough to contain two pairs of thick stockings. The heel must be grooved to hold the strap of the ski fittings.
2. Breeches and puttees or trousers which can be bound with a narrow band round the top of the boot to keep out the snow.
3. Sweater of **smooth** wool.
4. A waterproof short jacket.
5. Close-fitting warm cap which protects the ears.
6. Two pairs of woollen socks or stockings should always be worn for warmth or comfort while ski-ing. The top pair can be short ones that turn down over the top of the boot.
7. A warm muffler or scarf.
8. Woollen gloves and for complete comfort, a pair of water-proof gauntlets without fingers.

Your attention is particularly directed to the advertisement on the opposite page.

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Ski-ing and Skating Needs

A visit to Selfridge's Winter Sports Department on the Second Floor is essential to secure the finest advice on selecting your Winter Sports Kit. There, altogether with a thoroughness unequalled elsewhere, everything for every phase of Winter Sports is assembled under the charge of experts rich in practical knowledge, whose advice, both as regards equipment and the use of it, is freely at your disposal.

SKI BOOTS.

These SKI-BOOTS are specially made to the specification of our experts and are the outcome of years of experience: well cut from skins of the finest quality, they are absolutely waterproof and correct in every detail. Thoroughly dependable in every way.

For Men and Women Price per pair **29/6** For Boys and Girls Price per pair **25/9**

Other Qualities: For Men 79/6, 49/6 Women 79/6, 59/6, 45/9

SKIS.

Ash - from 37/6 to 42/- Hickory - from 52/6 to 57/6
Ash (children's) 10/6 to 18/6 Ski Clamps - per set 3/6

SKI STICKS.

Hazel - per pair 7/6 Seal Skins - per pair 27/6
Tonkin per pr. 12/-, 15/-, 20/- Rubber Grips per pr. 1/6, 3/6
Ski Points, in Aluminium or Copper - each 5/6 & 8/6

SKI BINDINGS.

Huitfeld - - 12/6 Haug - - - 16/6
Beetschen - - 11/6 Alpina - - - 18/6
B.B.B. - - - 14/6 Alpina Toe-Irons only 9/6
Ski Mitts in various qualities from 8/11 to 20/-

SKATES.

Swedish Steel - - - - per pair 21/- to 52/6
English make, Sheffield Steel - - per pair 42/-
Blade Protectors - - - - per pair 5/-
Skate Bags - - - - - - each 5/9

We fix all Skates purchased from us free of charge.

Selfridge & Co., Ltd. *London, W.1.*

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Travel Department of the National Union of Students exists primarily for the service of undergraduates who are members of the N.U.S. by virtue of the affiliation of their Union or Guild. In practice, however, it is found difficult and often undesirable rigidly to exclude from the tours all those who fall outside this category—undergraduates of universities not affiliated, recent graduates, research students, etc. The following regulations have, therefore been adopted :—

Present Students who are members of a University or University College affiliated to the N.U.S. are admitted to the tours without extra charge. Students of a University or College not affiliated to the N.U.S. are required to become Individual Members (see below).

Past Students of not more than three years' standing must become Individual Members of the N.U.S. Annual Membership Fee, 5/-

Non-students and past students of more than three years' standing must become Associate Members of the N.U.S. Annual Membership Fee, £1 1s. Life Membership Fee, £5 5s.

The Union reserves the right to refuse any application.

APPLICATION FORM.

1. Tour Selected .....
   (State Place and Number).
   Please register my name for the above Tour. I enclose a deposit of £1, to be credited to the account of my Tour Fee. (For conditions see page 14).

2. Name .....
   (In block letters, state whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss).

3. Address :
   (*a*) During Term .....
   .....
   (*b*) Permanent .....
   .....

4. Date of end of term .....

5. University and/or College .....

6. Present or Past Student .....

7. With whom are you willing to share a room ? .....
   .....

8. Town from which you will start .....

9. Passport Forms required :—

Application for new passport	7s.	6d.
Renewal (for 5 years)	5s.	0d.
Endorsement	2s.	0d.

   (Please cross out what is not required).

10. Student Identity Card Forms (for Present Students only) :—

Application for new card	2s.	6d.
Renewal (for 1 year)	1s.	6d.

11. Do you wish to hire skis? .....
    If so, state size of shoe .....
    Measurement from ground to finger tips when your arm is stretched straight upwards .....

12. Give the names of any friends to whom you would like us to send a copy of this booklet :—
    (a) Name .....
    Address .....
    (b) Name .....
    Address .....

Signature of Applicant .....

Date .....

This form is to be completed and returned to :—

THE TRAVEL SECRETARY,
THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS,
3, ENDSLEIGH STREET, LONDON, W.C.1.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

COST: All prices quoted, except when otherwise stated, include the cost of travel, board, lodging and service at the centres visited and the expenses of guides. These are based on the present rates of exchange, and on the assumption that a sufficient number of applications are received to secure the reduced fares. Figures quoted are subject to alteration up to the date of departure.

PAYMENT OF FEES: Payment of the full tour fee should be made fifteen days before departure, without previous notification. Participants in these tours are requested to note that instructions and **tickets cannot be sent until the full fees have been paid.**

EXTRAS: Extras will include passport charges, hire of equipment, except when otherwise stated, afternoon tea, meals on trains and boats, baths and purely personal expenses.

PASSPORTS: These are required for all travel abroad, and can be obtained through the N.U.S. if early application is made.

No visas are required by British subjects for travel in France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

STUDENT IDENTITY CARD: All members of N.U.S. tours should provide themselves with a Student Identity Card which is a passport to the University world of all countries in membership of the C.I.E.: it enables the holder to enjoy special privileges in many continental countries.

LOSS OR DAMAGE: The N.U.S. can accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or accident occasioned to any person in connection with these tours, or through any failure or breakdown in the arrangements.

INSURANCE: Baggage insurance is strongly recommended and this—together with accident insurance—can be arranged through the N.U.S. Full particulars of the favourable rates of premium offered will be supplied on application.

TO THOSE STARTING FROM CENTRES OTHER THAN LONDON: All tours start from London except where otherwise stated. The N.U.S. can provide any information on travel from the provinces, and will arrange accommodation in London if desired. If a sufficient number of applications are received, the N.U.S. can secure a reduction of one third on the return fare from the provinces to London.

DEPOSIT: When registering, applicants must send a deposit of £1, *which will be credited to their account as part of the tour fee*, and is returnable in full only if the N.U.S. should find it necessary to cancel the tour. If the applicant withdraws before the closing date for registration, the deposit will be returned less small cancellation charges: if withdrawal is made after the closing date of registration, the deposit will be forfeited.

BOOKING: Early booking saves the organisers time, trouble and expense. Applications can be received after the closing date of registration only on payment of a late booking fee of 5/–.

To Freshers and Others.

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There is a special scheme in operation whereby you can

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The scheme is available to all students attending College. As agents for *The Commercial Union Assurance Company Limited*, the Union undertakes all classes of insurance, including Life, Accident, Motor Cars, Baggage, Workmen's Compensation, etc.

Send for special leaflet giving full details of rates to :—

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THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS,
3, ENDSLEIGH STREET, LONDON, W.C.1.

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